ensure that opportunities for securing justice are not denied to any citizen by reason of social, economic or other disabilities and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto be passed."

The question was put and the motion was adopted

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MESSAGE FROM LOK SABHA

The Unorganised Workers' Social Security Bill, 2008.

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Sir, I have to report to the House the following message received from the Lok Sabha, signed by the Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha:

"In accordance with the provisions of rule 120 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to inform you that Lok Sabha, at its sitting held on the 17th December, 2008, agreed without any amendment to the Unorganised Workers' Social Security Bill, 2008, which was passed by Rajya Sabha at its sitting held on the 23rd October, 2008."

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STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

(i) Status of implementation of components of Bharat Nirman relating to Ministry of Rural Development; (ii) Status of implementation of Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS); (iii) Status of implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA)

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री (श्री रघुवंश प्रसाद सिंह): उपसभापति महोदय, मैं निम्नलिखित वक्तव्य सभापटल पर रखता हूं:—

(i) ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय से संबंधित भारत निर्माण के संघटकों के कार्यान्वयन की स्थिति। [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 10,001/08]

(ii) इंदिरा गांधी राष्ट्रीय वृद्धावस्था पेंशन योजना (आई.जी.एन.ओ.ए.पी.एस.) के कार्यान्वयन की स्थिति। [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 10,002/08]

(iii) राष्ट्रीय ग्रामीण रोजगार गारंटी अधिनियम (एन.आर.ई.जी.ए.) के कार्यान्वयन की स्थिति। [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 9794/08]

Revision of Pay Scales of Teachers in Universities and Colleges

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): Sir, this august House has expressed its concern, from time to time for the need to strengthen the quality of higher education in the country. One of the critical factors affecting the quality of universities and institutions imparting higher education, is our inability to attract and retain young and talented persons to the teaching profession, leading over a period of time to shortage of teachers in central as well as state universities and other higher educational institutions. It is estimated that in Central Universities and constituent colleges